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MEMORANDUM FOR CIA MEMBER UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Intelligence *RSCline*SUBJECT : Downgrading of South Vietnam Photography for
the 1st Cavalry Division
USIB-D-41.17/56 (COMOR-D-34/54), 19 August 1965

1. This is a briefing memorandum on COMOR recommendations on this subject. The Executive Secretary, USIB has requested responses from Board members by close of business, 25 August.

2. In anticipation of its deployment to South Vietnam, the 1st Cavalry Division has requested the downgrading from SECRET to CONFIDENTIAL of about 20,000 aerial photo prints of Southeast Asia. The photography was acquired by SAC U-2 (LUCKY DRAGON and TROJAN HORSE), CIA U-2 (LAZY DAISY) and YANKEE TEAM tactical reconnaissance missions between March 1964 and February 1965. The photography will be used to produce photomosaics.

3. Inasmuch as the proposed downgrading of this photography is intended to facilitate preparation of materials for the conduct of U.S. military operations in Southeast Asia, we believe that it should be authorized. The Office of Security has no objection to this downgrading since careful security review of the materials involved indicates that only the LAZY DAISY photographs were obtained by covert missions and these can easily be attributed to overt SAC missions.

4. Recommendation:

That you concur in the COMOR recommendations.

Concurrence:

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